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► Students rally for lower tuition fees on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.

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Students slam tuition rebates

Hundreds of students also rallied in Toronto on Wednesday to slam the government's new \$430-million tuition rebate for not being open to all. Call it ironic timing: It was the same day the first 70,000 rebate cheques landed in students' bank accounts. The Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario organized the Toronto march because the rebates exclude mature students, part-time students and those whose family income surpasses \$160,000 a year. For more, see page 4.

City offers pay raise in bargain with workers

► Negotiations deadline set for midnight Sunday ► Controversy over council pay hike, too

City negotiators are urging unionized workers to accept a pay hike in each year of a proposed four-year deal.

The 6,000 outside workers in Local 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees had said they would accept a three-year wage freeze in return for preserving the existing contract conditions.

In offering an undisclosed pay

hike, the city would presumably want a contract concession from the union.

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, chair of council's employee and labour relations committee, said it's time the union tabled detailed responses to the city's proposals as a weekend strike or lockout deadline looms.

"They haven't dealt with the

"I'm dead set against a pay hike. By no means should anyone get a pay increase, any of the councillors."

COUN. DOUG FORD

substantial matters that we put before them," Holyday said.

Meantime, while the union

offers to freeze workers' wages, city councillors quietly received a two-per-cent increase in their 2012 pay, bringing their salary to \$101,611.

The raise went through under a policy set during former Mayor David Miller's administration, whereby councillors get annual cost-of-living increases in their pay.

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Mona Lisa double

► Museum makes stunning find ► Likely by one of da Vinci's apprentices {page 10}



McCallion on guard

Ford's transit plan worries Mississauga mayor {page 3}



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Students walk away from healthy cafs

Healthy foods mean plummeting profits for cafeterias as students head to the nearest fast-food outlet instead of buying the low-fat offerings now mandated on the menu at school.

The revenue losses — estimated as high as 30 per cent — are prompting cafeteria operators to question whether they can make enough money serving

school boards under the tough new nutrition rules.

"Students are voting with their feet," said Catherine Fife, president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, which has been tracking the impact of the rules that came into effect last fall.

The school food-and-beverage policy was touted as a way to fight childhood

obesity, and mandated food sold in schools be highly nutritious and low in fat, sugar and sodium. But students complain about portion sizes, cost and taste, said Hiram Zafari, a Toronto board student trustee who said student councils across the city have been asked to discuss the cafeteria issue and report back.

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► Mykeisha Saddler, left, Jade Mukendi and Eilish Medland are shown after getting lunch from a hotdog cart on Wellesley Street on Wednesday.

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Hazel's warning: Don't tread on us

► McCallion says Toronto mayor's transit plan can't come at expense of other cities' transit goals

Even if Rob Ford is legally allowed to change the Metrolinx game plan, he'd better not take away one cent of transit funding for the rest of the GTA, warns Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion.

"If Transit City is cancelled, it throws the Metrolinx program completely out of whack," McCallion told the Star after a general committee meeting Wednesday, where the implications of Ford's decision to throw out a previously approved transit plan for Toronto were addressed ahead of an upcoming Mississauga council workshop with Metrolinx.

"I give (Ford) all kinds of credit if he can implement his promise to build all underground without funding from the province and federal government that would impact other communities — Durham, York, Halton, Peel," McCallion said.

As for Ford's legal au-

"If the province has to allocate the money to go underground, it has to impact the projects in the other regions."

MAYOR HAZEL MCCALLION

thority to scrap the approved plan, "council rules supreme," McCallion said. "I asked our (city) lawyer, Mary Ellen Bench, and she agrees, unless there is a special bylaw or powers under the Toronto Act that allow him to (override) council."

But it's ultimately Mississauga's transit needs that concern McCallion most, as the city's population continues to mushroom.

"We need to move people and products across the GTA. We're going to be going to the province for funding for the Hurontario LRT as soon as we're ready," she said.

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► Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion

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Death of 'gentle giant' was retaliation: Crown

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► Kenneth Mark

A "gentle giant" who worked at Walmart was executed because he stood up to young thugs and testified against them in court, a Superior Court jury was told Wednesday.

The Crown alleges Lamar Skeete, 21, orchestrated

and planned Kenneth Mark's killing, and recruited friends to participate. He is charged with first-degree murder.

Mark, 30, was shot once in the back of the head on Dec. 29, 2009.

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News in brief

Real Jerk delays eviction

RESTAURANT. The Real Jerk has bought itself some time by winning a court injunction to temporarily prevent its eviction.

The court order says the Real Jerk must deliver certified cheques to the

landlord for January and February rent.

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Two teens shot

ETOBICOKE. Two male teenagers were shot near Jamestown Crescent and John Garland Boulevard in Etobicoke on Wednesday night. A Toronto EMS official said one victim is in stable condition, the other is in serious condition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Ford stands behind Eglinton LRT plan

► 7 of 10 city councillors in Scarborough sign letter supporting Ford's plan to bury line ► TTC chair Karen Stintz defends partial above-ground plan



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► From left, councillors Norm Kelly, Gary Crawford, Michelle Berardinetti, Mayor Rob Ford and Coun. Mike Del Grande at a press conference Wednesday regarding the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT at Eglinton and Victoria Park.

One day after Mayor Rob Ford's allies on the TTC board decided to block a report on the potential pitfalls of his plan to tunnel the entire Eglinton LRT, Ford himself went on the offensive to dismiss alternatives to his vision.

"I campaigned on building subways and I stand behind that commitment 100 per cent, because it is the right thing to do," Ford said at an outdoor rush-hour news conference at Eglinton and Victoria Park Avenues. "Putting trains down the middle of congested, jammed-up streets like the one behind us is not the answer. It is wrong."

Tuesday's vote was a bruising defeat for TTC

chair Karen Stintz, who supports running part of the LRT above-ground and using the \$2 billion saved for other transit projects. When asked whether Stintz should stay on as TTC chair, Ford said "the commission spoke loud and clear in how they voted."

Stintz repeated Wednesday that she has no plans to resign. She's looking forward to steering the TTC's customer service initiatives and new performance standards, she said. But she stressed that the Eglinton issues need a public debate.

On Wednesday, Ford was flanked by supportive councillors.

Michelle Berardinetti, Gary Crawford, Mike Del

Grande and Norm Kelly also appeared at the street corner.

Those councillors who signed a letter supporting Ford's plan to bury the LRT aren't thinking about the entire city, said Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, whose Scarborough Centre ward extends to Scarborough Town Centre, where the Sheppard subway and Eglinton line would terminate under Ford's transit plan.

Obviously, people along Eglinton would like a subway, he said. But, "the consequence is to exclude tens of thousands of people who will not get mass transit for 50 to 60 years."

De Baeremaeker was

among the left and centre councillors who want Stintz to stay on as leader of the TTC board, despite her board's lack of support. She has the more critical support of the majority of council, he said.

Some councillors are saying a memorandum of agreement between the city, the TTC and Metrolinx dated November 2009 is further proof that Toronto and the province are still bound legally to the old Transit City plan.

The agreement, which has a stamp of council approval, "is iron-clad," said Councillor Maria Augimeri, who sits on the TTC board, and it is still in effect.

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Students stage march on Ontario legislature

Hundreds of post-secondary students marched to the Ontario legislature under the watchful eye of police Wednesday, as part of a national day of action.

Student groups in Ontario have called on the provincial government to turn a tuition grant program into an across-the-board fee reduction.

The grants to cut tuition for college and university students by 30 per cent exclude a majority of students, they say, adding the grants won't prevent tuition from rising in the fall.

In December, they presented a petition with 40,000 signatures to the government stating their case.

Before the march in Toronto, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said education in the province is still a good deal and very accessible.

When you factor in grants, loan provisions and funding for institutions, Duncan said, Ontario is near the top of the pack.

In Ottawa, the minister of human resources and skills development said the federal government has done plenty to help students afford an education.

"Over the last six years, our government has done more to help students than any government before it," Diane Finley said, responding to a question in the House. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

More than just grades

In the face of university application deadlines, high school students across Canada are worrying about their grades.

But some universities are changing the way they assess undergraduate applications, sending an unlikely message to stressed students: Grades aren't everything.

For the first time, the University of British Columbia is moving to a "broad-based admissions" process that requires all applicants of direct-entry undergraduate programs at its Vancouver campus to submit a personal profile. Focussing on more than high school marks, it considers non-academic criteria like community engagement and leadership skills.

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Both Fords criticized by integrity commissioner

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto's integrity commissioner criticized Mayor Rob Ford and his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, in separate reports released Wednesday.

Rob Ford, Janet Leiper wrote, has not proved he complied with a 2010 council order to repay lobbyists who donated to his football charity. Council should demand that he provide proof by March 6, she wrote. Doug Ford, Leiper wrote, violated council's code of conduct when he used "intimidating language" toward an activist at city hall in July. Council should require a



► Doug Ford

written apology, she wrote.

Rob Ford's spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment. Doug Ford responded angrily, telling the Star that the activist's complaint

was "a bunch of crap" and the National Post that the activist is "a little prick."

In her report on Rob Ford, Leiper wrote that she asked Ford six times over 13 months for confirmation that he had complied with council's order. In late October, Ford finally provided letters from three lobbyists who said they did not want to be reimbursed.

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► A sex worker in Toronto

Man posing as cop scams sex workers

Police are looking for a male suspect who has been targeting sex trade workers over the past few months by posing as a law enforcement officer.

The first incident occurred last November

when the man picked up a female in the area of Dundas Street West and Keele Street shortly after midnight. Police said the man claimed to be an undercover officer and demanded she perform sexual acts or

risk going to jail. The man is described as white, 5'9", average build with brown eyes and short dark hair.

Police said he was driving a black, four-door, newer-model imported car.

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Ontario Place faces wrath of cuts

- ▶ John Tory will head investigation into facility's future
- ▶ Park has not turned a profit since its inaugural season

The province's budget crisis now has a symbol: the empty shell of Ontario Place's iconic Cinesphere, water park and amusement rides.

Struggling with a \$16-billion deficit, Queen's Park closed the attractions, slashing 48 full-time jobs and 600 summer positions to save \$20 million a year at the money-losing waterfront park.

As first disclosed by the Toronto Star, the Liberals have also turned to former Progressive Conservative leader John Tory to lead a volunteer advisory panel to report back by May on the future of the 51-hectare white elephant.

"The park does not draw enough people to its gates to keep it sustainable in its current form," Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said Wednesday.

Senior officials insist the land would not be sold off outright nor is a casino likely to be built there — though they concede gambling facilities could open at adjacent city-owned Ex-

hibition Place, which has better parking and transit access.

Ontario Place's Atlantis Pavilion, the Molson Amphitheatre and marina will remain open while the familiar white geodesic dome that houses the Cinesphere, one of the world's first IMAX theatres, is shuttered along with the Soak City water park, and the various rides.

Tourism Minister Michael Chan said Tory — and David Livingston, president and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario, among others — would "crunch the data" from ideas submitted to the government in September 2010 as part of a formal request for information from prospective developers and partners.

There were 36 proposals — none of which the government can reveal because some involve proprietary information from competing firms — ranging from condos to a floating hotel.

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Studying the park

▶ **Pan Am Games.** "Ontario Place has been studied to death," said Tourism Minister Michael Chan, adding he wants the site available for the 2015 Pan Am Games and totally renewed by 2017 in time for Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.

▶ **Public spaces.** For his part, former Conservative leader John Tory said he seeks "something as dynamic and forward-looking as Ontario Place was in 1971," borrowing from ideas in public spaces like Chicago's Millennium Park.

▶ **Blank page.** "You want to do it in a way that will create jobs, is going to create an attraction, is going to add to this city and to this province and is going to be financially viable. So in that sense the paper is blank ... there's no preconceived notion," Tory said.



▶ The waterslide ride at Ontario place will be closed this summer. The waterpark, the Cinesphere and amusement rides will be closed to save \$20 million a year at the money-losing waterfront park.

\$4.25M-lawsuit filed in TTC bus crash death

The family of a woman killed in a Toronto Transit Commission bus crash has launched a \$4.25-million lawsuit.

Jadranka Petrova, 43, died of her injuries Aug. 30, after the bus she was riding in collided with the back end of a truck.

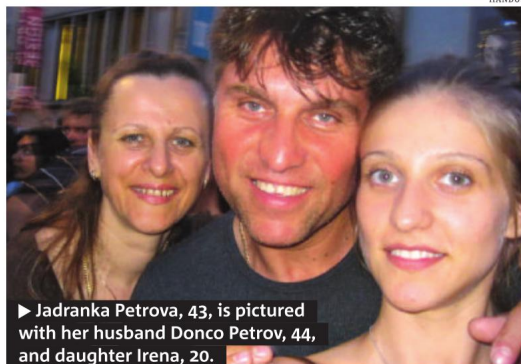
The bus driver, William Ainsworth, of Toronto, was charged with criminal negligence causing death and possession of marijuana.

A statement of claim

filed Tuesday with the Ontario Superior Court names Ainsworth, the TTC, truck driver Blair Parsons and the truck's owner Amherst Crane Rentals Ltd.

The claim states the TTC was negligent in allowing the driver to allegedly operate the bus while impaired by marijuana and to take the drug onto the bus.

None of the claims have been proven in court, and the transit commission has not had the opportunity to



▶ Jadranka Petrova, 43, is pictured with her husband Donco Petrov, 44, and daughter Irena, 20.

defend itself.

The family's lawyer John McLeish says in the statement of claim that the transit commission could have taken steps to prevent the "situation of danger."

McLeish alleges in the claim that Ainsworth had been "smoking marijuana and at the time of the crash, his faculties of observation, perception, judgment and self-control were impaired ... he was in-

"The Petrov family has been devastated by the senseless loss of their wife and mother, who was the heart and soul of their family."

JOHN MCLEISH

competent to operate the TTC bus with normal and reasonable care and attention." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



▶ Cynthia Vanier

Canadian charged in Gadhafi plot

A Canadian woman held in Mexico over an alleged plot involving Moammar Gadhafi's son has been formally charged.

Mexican officials confirm that charges have now been laid against Cyn-

thia Vanier, who had been held since November.

The state attorney's office in Mexico City says Vanier and three others have been charged, while an arrest warrant is out for a fifth suspect.

They accuse Vanier, who's from Mount Forest, Ont., of masterminding a plot to bring Gadhafi to Mexico, which allegedly also involved two Mexicans and a Danish suspect.

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Body wrapped in rug found in west end: Cops

Toronto police are investigating the discovery of a body in the city's west end.

Police say officers were called to an alleyway in the Dundas Street West and

Keele Street area shortly after noon Wednesday.

The female body was found wrapped in a rug and was pronounced dead at the scene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jail cells, a rope ... and an outcry

► Senator had said killers should consider suicide

senator has sparked an outcry by suggesting murderers should commit suicide in prison.

The jail cells of serial killers should be outfitted with a rope so they can take their own lives, said Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu.

"I always say that every killer should have the right to a rope in his cell and be able to decide on his life, but I'm against the death penalty," he told reporters.

Boisvenu said he is troubled by the cases of offenders who are unlikely to reform themselves.

Besides, he said, those serving life sentences are



► Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu

costing the government tens of millions of dollars.

Boisvenu also raised concerns about the life sentences handed to the Shafia family for the killing of four family members. They "will be imprisoned at a cost of \$10 million to the Canadian

government," he said.

"That's an economic problem because it's \$10 million we can't put elsewhere."

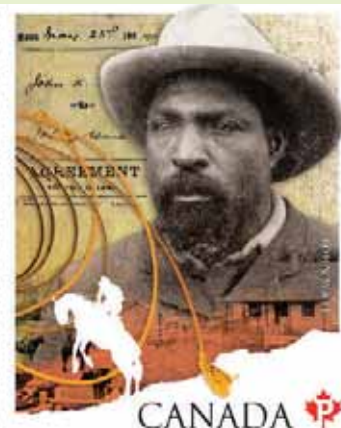
Boisvenu, whose daughter was raped and killed by a serial offender in 2002, was later forced to withdraw his comments.

His office said his comments were inappropriate, he believes in rehabilitation, and he wanted to offer his apologies to anyone affected by suicide.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper distanced himself from the remarks, but said: "We all understand that Sen. Boisvenu and his family have suffered horribly in the past."

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Famous faces. In the mail



► Desmond and Ware made a mark in Canadian history.

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Stamps honour two black icons

Two new Canada Post stamps were issued Wednesday in honour of two great black Canadians. One stamp shows Viola Desmond, a figure in the fight for civil rights in Nova Scotia. The other portrays John Ware, a former U.S. slave from the U.S. South who became a ranching pioneer in Alberta.

Desmond is known for her courageous stand against racism. On Nov. 8, 1946 — a decade before American Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus — Desmond sat in the whites-only section of the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow. She was removed, arrested and fined. Her protest set in motion a political movement that led to the end of segregation in Nova Scotia. Ware lived and worked first in the Calgary area, then established his own ranch in the Foothills in 1890, Canada Post says on its website.

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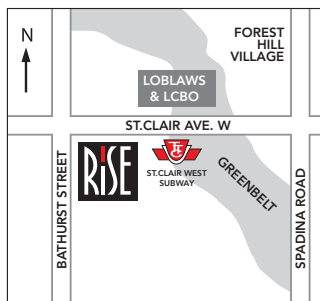
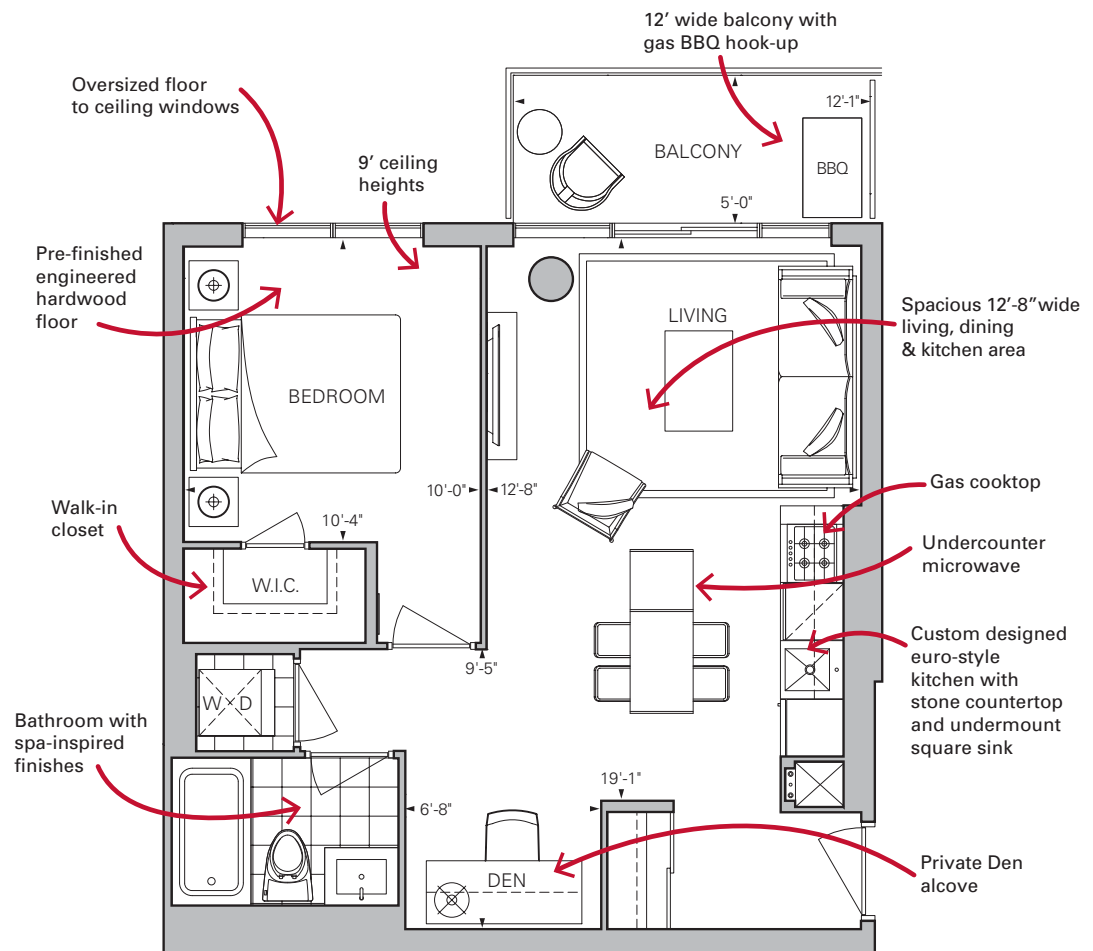
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Spanish museum uncovers Mona Lisa's long-lost twin

► Copy had been on display at the Prado Museum for years without experts being aware of its importance ► Painted at same time as original

A Mona Lisa copy owned by the Prado Museum in Madrid was almost certainly painted by one of Leonardo da Vinci's apprentices alongside the master as he did the original, museum officials said Wednesday.

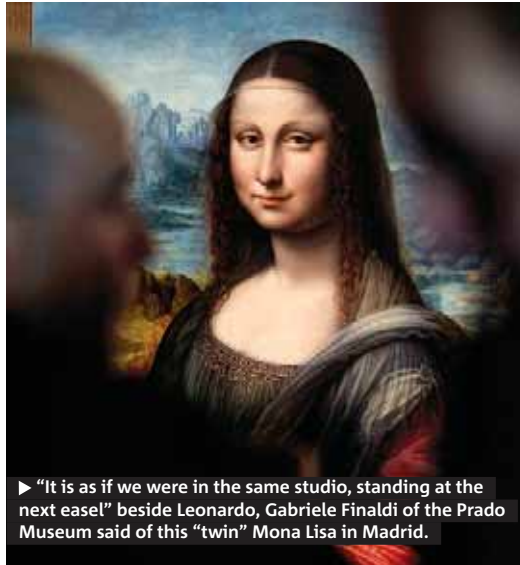
The stunning find of what the Prado says is probably the earliest known copy of La Gioconda will give art lovers and experts an idea of what the Mona Lisa looked like in the 16th century, said Gabriele Finaldi, deputy director of collections.

The copy has been part of the Prado collection for years but no one paid much attention to it because it had a stark black background, not the landscape seen in the original.

Two years ago, tests were done to get the copy ready for an exhibition this year in Paris, where the original hangs in the Louvre. That gave restorers a hint that something lay under the black coat, which was added in the 18th century.

When the black covering was removed, a Tuscan landscape similar to the one in the original emerged. Varnish was also removed from the Mona Lisa's face, making it look brighter and younger than the face coated with cracked, dark varnish in Paris. "You can imagine that this is what the Mona Lisa looked like back in the 16th century," Finaldi said.

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► "It is as if we were in the same studio, standing at the next easel" beside Leonardo, Gabriele Finaldi of the Prado Museum said of this "twin" Mona Lisa in Madrid.



► Former Nortel Networks CEO Frank Dunn leaves court in Toronto last month with his wife, Nancy.

Auditor queried Nortel forecasts, court hears

Nortel Networks Corp.'s accounting was under "increasing scrutiny" in 2002 and 2003 as auditors probed internal forecasts for a turnaround profit, the trial of former executives heard Wednesday.

Deloitte & Touche began auditing Nortel's forecasts after finding fault with the audit part of a broader review of the Toronto company's financial reporting. Court heard that the auditors asked finance staff to explain variances between forecasts and actual results and to provide justification

for elimination or addition of accruals.

Accounting accruals are expenses or revenues recorded when they were earned or incurred, regardless of whether the transactions have been settled.

The Crown alleges former CEO Frank Dunn, former CFO Douglas Beatty and former controller Michael Gollogly manipulated accruals to tailor financial results to meet established targets and trigger lucrative bonuses and executive stock awards. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Europe battles cold spell

Rescue helicopters evacuated dozens of people from snow-blocked villages in Serbia and Bosnia, and airlifted in emergency food and medicine as a severe cold spell kept Eastern Europe in its icy grip.

Oil from Concordia cruise ship spreads through Italy's waters

► Activists fear leaking fuel will harm marine life ► Officials identify 17th body

A thin film of oil spread from the Costa Concordia cruise ship as waves battered the wreckage off Italy's coast Wednesday, adding to fears of an environmental disaster in the area's sensitive, pristine waters. Authorities were trying to assess how serious and extensive the spread was, but said that so far it didn't appear alarming.

Italian authorities also identified a German woman, Siglinde Stumpf, as being among those killed in the Jan. 13 capsizing of the vessel. Stumpf is the 17th person whose body has been identified. Fifteen others are listed as missing.

The search for the miss-

ing has been hampered by rough seas, with emergency officials ending the search in the submerged part of the ship due to the danger to rescue workers.

A large crack also appeared Wednesday between two glass panels that formed part of the roof of the massive ship.

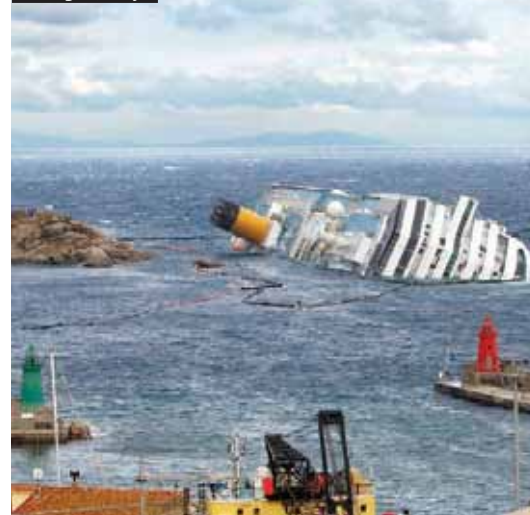
The oil film was spreading from a separate part of the ship, apparently the stern.

The ship contains about 500,000 gallons of heavy fuel and other pollutants, and fears have grown that those chemicals could damage an environment that is home to dolphins, whales and other marine life.

Authorities are hoping to pump fuel from the ship, but due to bad weather the effort was being suspended again Wednesday.

Floating barriers placed around the ship to protect the water were lifted by winds, allowing the oily film from the ship to spread throughout the bay.

► The grounded cruise ship Costa Concordia lies on its side off the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy.



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The Italian Port Authority said the leak consisted of a thin sheen of hydrocarbons.

However, Civil Protection, the agency overseeing the rescue effort, said that for now there doesn't appear to be reason for alarm, noting that over a week ago there was also a leak of a small amount of diesel and lubricants that

turned out not to be serious.

The Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan island of Giglio when the captain deviated from his planned route and struck a reef, creating a huge gash that capsized the ship. Some 4,200 passengers and crew were on board when it capsized.

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► Players from the Egyptian Al-Ahly club run for safety during clashes following their soccer match against Al-Masry at the soccer stadium in Port Said, Egypt, Wednesday. Dozens of Egyptians were killed in the riot.

Deadly soccer riot resembled a 'war'

► The violent scuffles broke out after fans stormed the field following a rare 3-1 win against Egypt's top team

At least 74 people were killed and hundreds injured after soccer fans rushed the field in the seaside city of Port Said Wednesday following an upset victory by the home team, Al-Masry, over Egypt's top club, Al-Ahly, setting off clashes and a stampede as riot police largely failed to intervene.

It was a bloody reminder of the deteriorating security in the Arab world's most populous country as instability continues nearly a year after former President Hosni Mubarak was swept out of power in a popular uprising.

The clashes and ensuing stampede did not appear to be directly linked to the political turmoil in Egypt, but

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The melee, which followed an Egyptian league match, was the worst case of soccer violence in Egypt and the deadliest worldwide since 1996.

the violence raised fresh concerns about the ability of the state police to manage crowds.

Most of the hundreds of black-uniformed police with helmets and shields stood in lines and did nothing as soccer fans wielded sharp objects and hurled sticks and rocks.

Security officials said the

ministry has issued directives for its personnel not to "engage" with civilians after recent clashes between police and protesters in November left more than 40 people dead.

The violence also underscored the role of soccer fans in Egypt's recent protest movement.

Organized fans have played an important role in the revolution and rallies against military rule. Their anti-police songs, peppered with curses, have quickly become viral and an expression of the hatred many Egyptians feel toward security forces that were accused of much of the abuse that was widespread under Mubarak's regime.

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UN considers plans as Syrian uprising flares

Syrian troops battled army defectors in a string of towns in the mountains overlooking Damascus on Wednesday in a new assault to crush rebellious areas around the capital, activists said.

The battles in a mountain valley came after regime forces succeeded in largely retaking control of suburbs on the eastern side of the city in an offensive the past week that fueled some of the bloodiest days of the nearly 11-month-old uprising. More than 30 people were killed around the country Wednesday, activists said.

Activists say President Bashar Assad's forces have intensified their crackdown in hopes of silencing protesters and the army dissidents who have joined them as the United Nations Security Council debates a draft resolution



► Anti-Syrian regime protesters hold a caricature of Syrian President Bashar Assad's father during a demonstration.

demanding that Assad step down.

On Tuesday, Western powers and Arab countries at the U.N. sought to overcome Russia's opposition to the measure. Addressing the Security Council, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton tried to allay Moscow's concerns that the resolution could open the door to eventual mili-

tary intervention in Syria, as took place in Libya last year.

"I know that some members here may be concerned that the Security Council is headed toward another Libya," she said. "That is a false analogy."

Russia has stood by Assad as he tries to crush an uprising that began last March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisian billionaire faces removal

A billionaire member of Tunisia's once-dominant ruling clan whose stay in Canada since last year has been shrouded in mystery is scheduled to make a public appearance soon.

Belhassen Trabelsi has remained under the radar since a much-publicized arrival amid turmoil in his native Tunisia, where his family stands accused of siphoning millions of dollars from the state.

The Immigration and Refugee Board announced Wednesday that Trabelsi



► A man carries items from Belhassen Trabelsi's Tunisian home.

has a date before its appeal division on April 23 to fight a decision to revoke his residency and boot him out of the country.

Federal authorities have been tight-lipped about Trabelsi's case, but have confirmed that officials with Citizenship and Immigration Canada recommended his residency be revoked not long after he arrived in January 2011.

Trabelsi is thought to be quietly living in Montreal, with his family, ever since the Tunisian regime collapsed. The revolution toppled his brother-in-law, former president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

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Bail upped in lewd act case

► School teacher in L.A. 'tainted a whole neighbourhood,' parent says

Bail was raised to \$23 million on Wednesday for a former Los Angeles teacher accused of taking bizarre photos of children in his classroom for sexual thrill.

Mark Berndt, 61, appeared in court to face allegations of committing lewd acts involving 23 boys and girls, ages six to 10. He could face life in prison if convicted.

His bail was raised from \$2.3 million at the request of prosecutors, and his arraignment was delayed to Feb. 21.

Berndt has hired a lawyer and has made no statements to authorities, said Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore. He was arrested Monday.

The investigation began when a film processor found Berndt's photos more than a year ago. Since the discovery, the school district fired Berndt and police put him under surveillance.

"If it wasn't for the film processor, this could still be continuing today," said sheriff's Lt. Carlos Marquez.

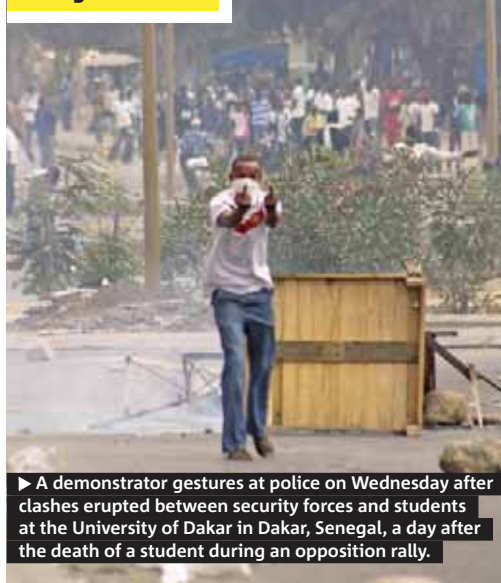
Some parents have asked why officials at the school in South Los Angeles didn't tell them once the photos were found.

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► Mark Berndt

Senegal. Protest



► A demonstrator gestures at police on Wednesday after clashes erupted between security forces and students at the University of Dakar in Dakar, Senegal, a day after the death of a student during an opposition rally.

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Student flips frustration

University students in the Senegal capital engaged in running battles with police as violence broke out when a group of students wanted to leave campus for a nearby hospital where the body of the student killed the previous day was being collected.

Former Ukraine PM tortured: Daughter

The daughter of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko is telling U.S. lawmakers that her mother is being tortured in prison.

Tymoshenko is serving a seven-year sentence on charges of abuse of office in a case the West calls politically motivated.

Daughter Eugenia Tymoshenko told a U.S. Senate panel Wednesday that prison authorities have intentionally caused her mother sleep deprivation.

According to prepared testimony, Eugenia Tymoshenko said her mother is constantly kept in a lit cell under video surveillance and recently fell unconscious from a "mysterious loss of blood pressure."

Prison authorities have said she merely felt dizzy.

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► Yulia Tymoshenko

Richest wreck ever?

A U.S. treasure hunter says he has located what he's calling the most valuable sunken treasure ever found. Greg Brooks of Sub Sea Research says a wreck 80 kilometres east of Cape Cod,

Mass., is that of the Port Nicholson, a British merchant ship sunk by a German U-boat in 1942.

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\$3B Greg Brooks says the ship was carrying 71 tonnes of platinum, now worth about \$3 billion.

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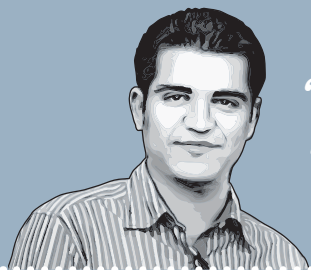
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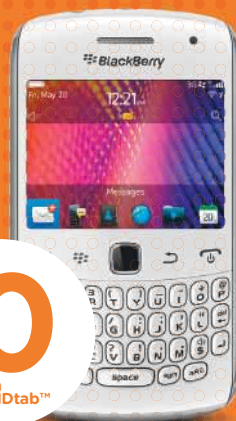
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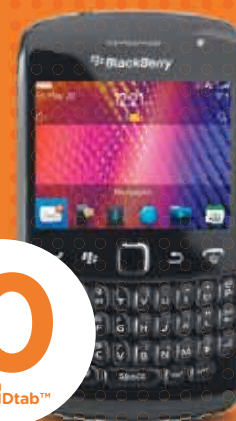


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► Baraa Melhem, 20, says she was imprisoned for 10 years in a bathroom by her father and stepmother.

Girl's alleged captors charged

► Daughter claims to have been held captive by father, stepmother

Israeli authorities have indicted an Arab-Israeli couple on charges they imprisoned the man's daughter for years in their West Bank home and encouraged her to kill her

self.

According to the indictment, the girl was held in a bathroom or in another room of the house, sleeping uncovered on a blanket. She was let out only at

night to do housework.

The indictment says the man beat his daughter, sometimes after his wife — the girl's stepmother — egged him on. It doesn't identify the people in-

involved. But last month, 20-year-old Baraa Melhem spoke to The Associated Press, and said she had been imprisoned for 10 years by her father.

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Accused brain eater to have brain tested

A U.S. man charged with hacking a homeless man to death with an axe and eating his brain was ordered Wednesday to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.



► Tyree Smith

behind his back during his arraignment on a murder charge. It was his first court appearance since he was returned to Connecticut on Tuesday following his arrest last week in Florida.

The Connecticut Post reports that the judge ordered the evaluation at the urging of Smith's lawyer, Joseph Bruckmann, and ordered him to remain in custody in lieu of \$1-million bond. The next hearing was scheduled for Feb. 14.

Smith is charged in the Dec. 15 killing of Angel Gonzalez, whose body was found on the third floor of an abandoned home.

Talitcha Frazier, a sister-in-law of the victim, said she remembered seeing Smith asking for change on the street.

"I think at the time I told him to get a job. I had no idea then that he had killed my brother-in-law," Frazier said.

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News in brief

Birth control pills recalled

HEALTH. Pfizer Inc. is recalling one million packets of birth control pills after uncovering a packaging error that could leave women with an inadequate dose of the hormone-based drugs

and raise the risk that they will get pregnant accidentally.

The problem affects 14 lots of Lo/Ovral-28 tablets and 14 lots of generic Norgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol tablets. Both products are manufactured by Pfizer and marketed in the U.S. by Akrimax Rx Products. The affected pills were not distributed in Canada.

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Mitt! Stop Wavin' Flag

► Canadian singer joins growing list of artists asking U.S. candidates not to play their songs at events

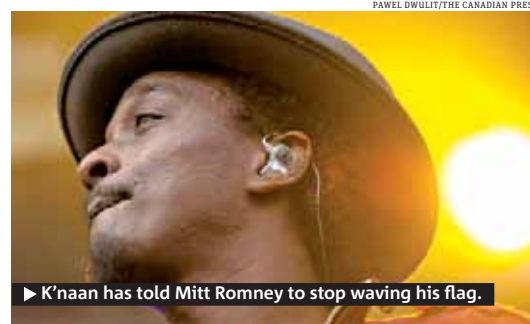
Celebrated Canadian artist K'naan has told Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney to stop waving his flag.

Flush from a crushing victory over Newt Gingrich in Tuesday night's Florida primary, the Romney campaign unveiled a "new victory song: Wavin' Flag by K'naan," Huffington Post senior political writer Jon Ward tweeted around 9:30 p.m.

A couple of hours later, K'naan sent out his own tweet: "Yo @mittromney I am K'naan Warsame and I do not endorse this message."

The Canadian singer-songwriter's Wavin' Flag caught the attention of people around the world when it was made the official song of the World Cup in 2010.

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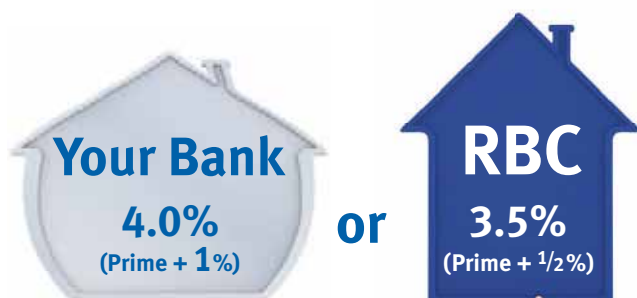


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Fairweather won't be using Target name

American chain Target has reached a deal with Fairweather Ltd., under which the Canadian fashion retailer has agreed to stop using the Target name.

Target said Wednesday the pact ensures that Fairweather Ltd., and its owner, Isaac Benitah, will cease using the Target name by Jan. 31, 2013. It declined to disclose details of the agreement.

Fairweather has been operating a Toronto clothing

220 U.S. retail giant Target announced in January it would spend \$1.83 billion to take over the leases of as many as 220 Zellers stores from the Hudson Bay.

store under the name Target Apparel since 2005, and in the last few months started opening new stores across Canada with the name.

Target filed a trademark infringement claim against Toronto-based Fairweather in 2010. In June, a judge blocked that injunction request.

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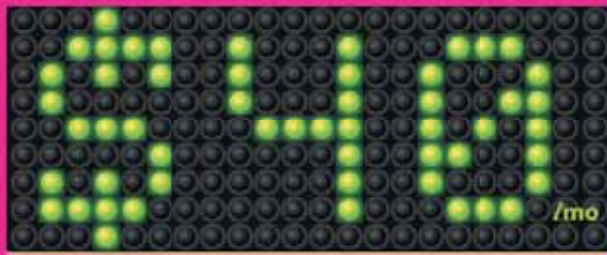


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Airline cuts coming

American Airlines wants to cut labour costs by 20 per cent and eliminate as many as 14,000 jobs. According to a source familiar with the situation, employees have been told about the expected job cuts. American and parent AMR Corp., filed for bankruptcy protection back in November.

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Famous friends make good investors

► As Facebook files its IPO, key players such as Bono set for major gains

Sure, Mark Zuckerberg has a lot of Facebook friends.

And now that the social network has filed its multi-billion-dollar IPO, under the ticker "FB," the young mogul is probably pleased he friended the following people, who starred in Face-

book's history and stand to make major gains.

Bono's investment through his firm Elevation Partners could be valued at more than \$1 billion US after the company goes public. Bono's firm bought about one per cent of the

company in 2009 for about \$90 million, reports say.

Notorious for shaking up the music industry with Napster, Sean Parker's stake in Facebook is four per cent, according to The Facebook Effect. Forbes estimates that Parker, who was also the company's first president, is already worth \$2.1 billion and he stands to make as much as \$4 billion more.

Sheryl Sandberg has been Facebook's chief operating officer since Zuckerberg lured her away from

her job as Google's vice-president of online sales and operations in 2008. When she's not busy figuring out how to make money for the social network, Sandberg advocates for women in business.

David Ebersman, Facebook's chief financial officer, took the "key role" in the IPO, according to the Wall Street Journal's unnamed sources. Ebersman would have to oversee the financial filings required for an IPO.

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Former RIM CEO asserts confidence buying shares

Two days after stepping down as co-CEO of Research in Motion, Mike Lazaridis affirmed his confidence in the company's future by making a hefty purchase of shares.

On Jan. 25, Lazaridis bought more than 3.1 million shares in RIM at an average price of \$15.90, a purchase worth nearly \$50 million, according to a report by Canadian Business.

That latest purchase brings his ownership stake to nearly 30 million shares, or 5.7 per cent of the total number of shares

outstanding in the open market.

It appears Lazaridis is backing up his confidence in

new CEO Thorsten Heins. Lazaridis said there had been a four-year process of having Heins taking more and more responsibility to prove he was the right person for the job.

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► Mike Lazaridis

Market moment

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U.K. travel review website not so reliable, regulator says

Travel planning website TripAdvisor must stop claiming that all the reviews on its British site were written by independent travellers — and are therefore reliable — a U.K. regulator said Wednesday.

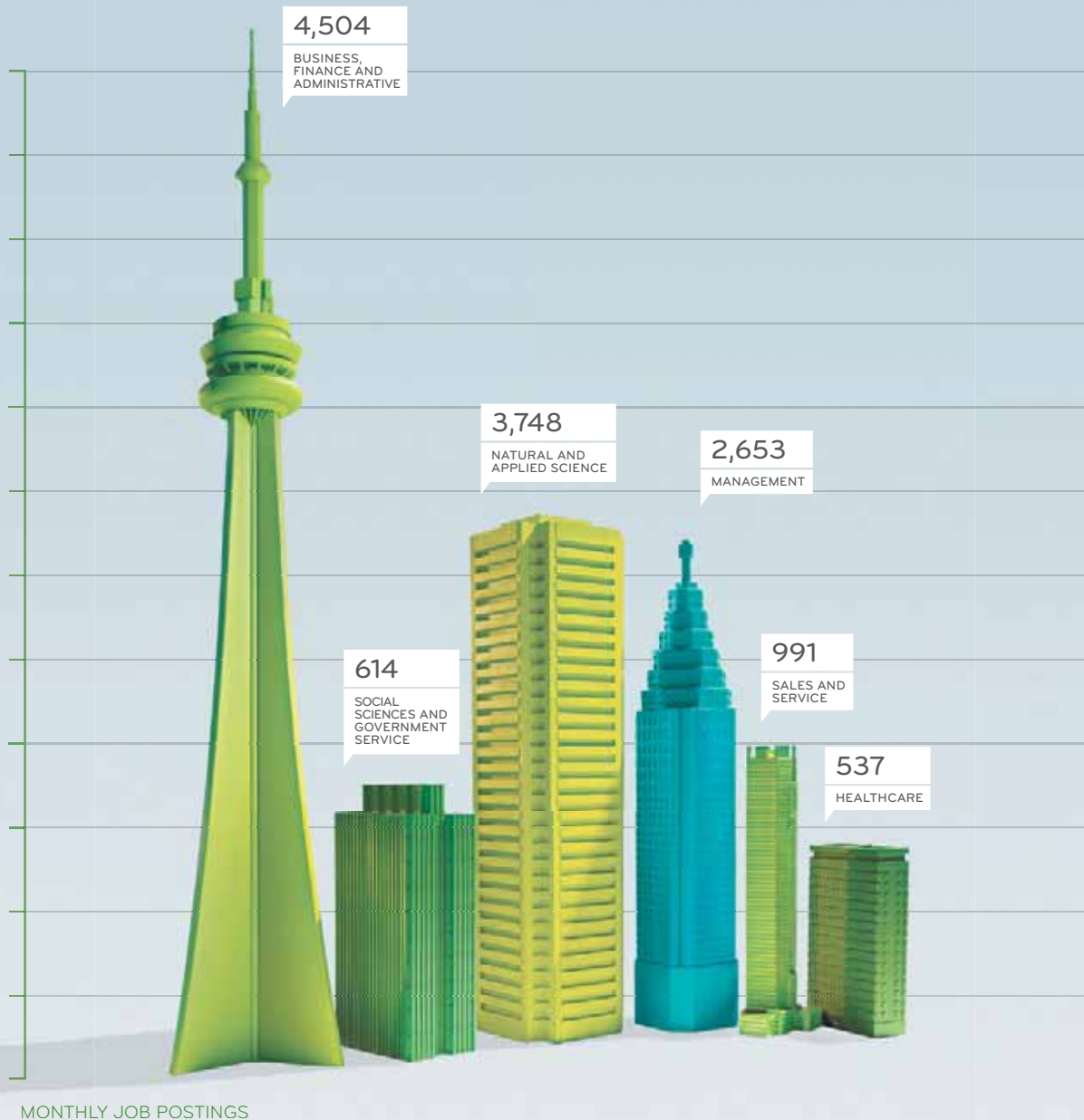
The Advertising Standards Authority said the claims on TripAdvisor.co.uk, including "reviews you can trust" and

"more than 50 million honest travel reviews and opinions from real travellers," were misleading.

The agency said it was possible that some reviews on the website could easily have been submitted by people who were not real travellers but just trying to influence customers' choices.

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Dear Winter:

Please come back. I miss you.

It was cute at first, you disappeared. I thought it was for effect, maybe. You just

wanted to wait till the best moment, then, surprise! You'd show yourself when we least expected it. You flake, you.

But another week slid by.

Then I thought maybe you were making fun of all those weatherpeople who predicted a deep freeze. Stupid "media-ologists" and their TV-ready descriptions of complex systems. ("After the break, we'll tell you about tomorrow's Sleet Quasar!")

You showed them, I thought. But, then, still no sign of you.

Most recently, I thought maybe you wanted to make a point about other disappearances — manufacturing jobs, polar bears, the Toronto Maple Leafs at playoff time. These are good, important points to make. But, if that was your intention, your point has been made.

Where are you? You snapped in Edmonton a couple times, and blew through the Maritimes this week, but that's been pretty much it.

Let's have some Real Talk, OK? You're being selfish.

If you won't think of us, won't you think of the children? You're denying kids important life lessons they only learn when you're around. Like, when I was young, I learned that sledding had an elaborate social pecking order, from the kid who owned a GT Snowracer (King of the Hill) to the kid with the Crazy Carpet that was always reverting to its Fruit Roll-Up shape (Lowly Serf).

You provided me some of my only adventures growing up. In New Brunswick, we didn't have any of the most common natural disasters — hurricanes, earthquakes, Bryan Adams concerts. The only Discovery Channel doc you'd ever see filmed in my hometown is Fog Chasers.

So, craving excitement, I had to get by with delivering newspapers in blizzards or playing street hockey in -15 C weather. It's perhaps sad that I've never felt more alive.

If this is what it takes to get you back, let me say this: I'm sorry. I'm sorry I took you for granted.

You were harsh, but I realize now it was necessary. A playful pinch to the cheeks or even a cold slap is a welcome respite from the limp handshake of the muddy impostor that has taken your place.

I miss making the first scratch-scratch footprints in a park of untouched snow. I miss Arctic fog rising off the water on a frigid day. I miss your cold embrace.

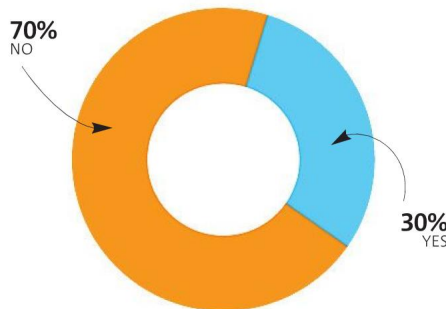
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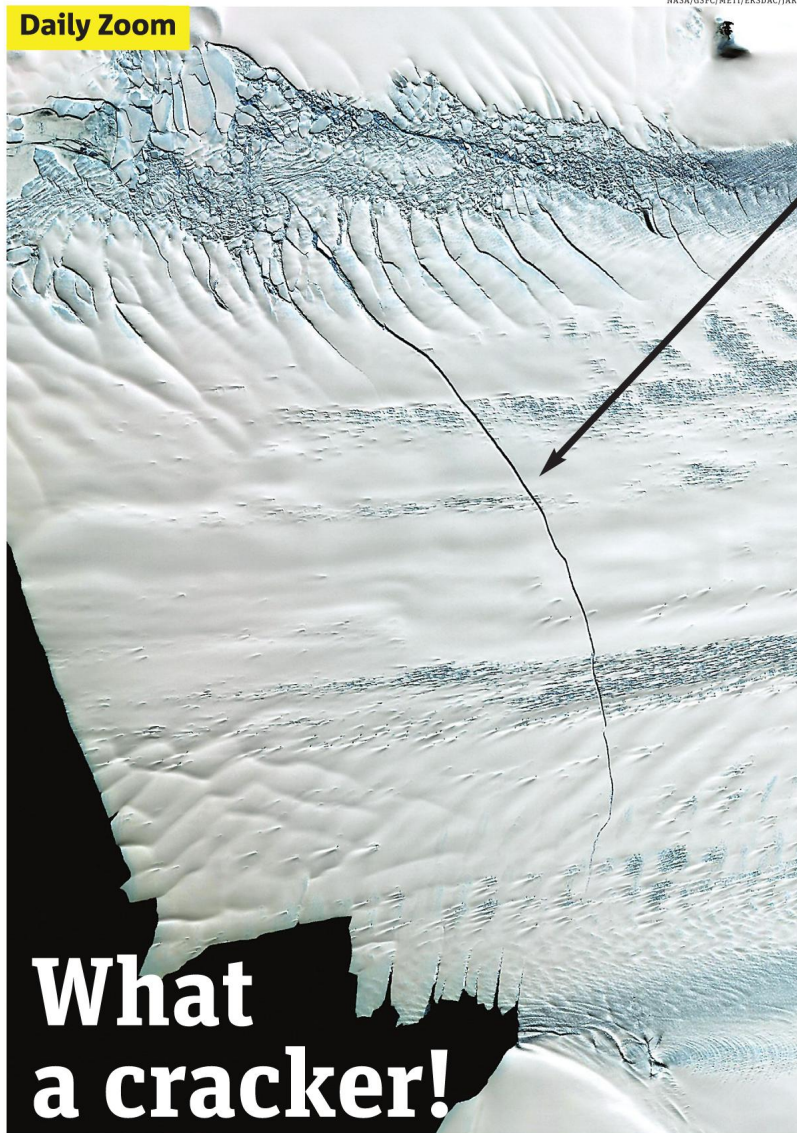
Local tweets



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- ▶ @VeronicaCanon: I couldn't be any more thankful for such an amazing weather. #Toronto
- ▶ @R_ebecc_a: I say forget the death sentence. Introduce a prisoner #BattleRoyale instead. #cdnpoli

- ▶ @Kyle_a: I really hope François Legault does well in the next election, solely so i can say "Quebec loves the CAQ" #cdnpoli
- ▶ @TomCParkin: "Progressive" Liberals support Harper's pooled RSP scheme to give ppl who max-out RRSP contribs even more tax deductions #ndpldr #cdnpoli
- ▶ @LivDeLuca: Getting intoxicated tonight in celebration for this brutal semester being over #yay
- ▶ @LesandraRose: Prophit-z #Toronto Dancehall Artist on 106!!! @Prophit-z #Toronto is getting big!!

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What a cracker!

Crevice cuts ice from the north

ANTARCTICA. Nay, nay, it's not a scratch — it's a 30-kilometre-long crack that will carve an iceberg the size of New York City!

NASA has spotted a deep crevice on Pine Island Glacier, an ice stream that drains the West Antarctic Ice Sheet.

The image, taken in November 2011 but only released Wednesday, shows the crack's growth. ● **MWN**

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The ice crack is 80 metres wide and 60 metres deep. Measurements suggest the ice shelf in the region is about 500 metres thick, with only about 50 metres of that floating above water.

Pine Island

- ▶ The Pine Island Glacier is part of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet and contains enough water to raise sea levels worldwide by more than six metres.
- ▶ Experts last year discovered warm currents are eroding ice from below, twice as fast as previously thought.

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A look behind the curtain

► Kevin Smith opens up to crowds of sold out shows with a live broadcast of his podcast

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You can accuse writer-director-actor Kevin Smith of a lot of things, but never let it be said that he isn't self-effacing.

While discussing tonight's international broadcast of the Jay and Silent Bob Get Old podcast from Toronto's Scotiabank Theatre, starring Smith and old friend and frequent collaborator Jason Mewes (the Jay to Smith's Silent Bob), he joked about the reality of what people would be paying to watch.

"My movies have never been accused of being cinematic," he says, "but you're going to go to a movie theatre and literally sit there and watch us talk to each other."

Recorded here in Toronto, a feed from the event will be broadcast to theatres across North America, with the audio available at smodcast.com, home to a network of Smith-approved podcasts.

Smith traces his new-found career — what he describes simply as "talking" — back to his early days promoting his early

"My movies have never been accused of being cinematic."

KEVIN SMITH

independent films like Clerks for Miramax.

"Harvey (Weinstein)'s idea was to make every filmmaker go out there and advocate for your film," he says. "If you couldn't get on the Tonight Show because you had nobody in your cast, who better than the filmmaker to speak on behalf of the movie."

Smith soon found himself spending two hours a night telling off-sided tales — like his fist sexual encounter with his now wife — to packed theatres.

"It was always this side industry running parallel to the film career," he says.

Smith is currently hard at work on his next film, the hockey themed Hit Somebody, which he promises will be his last go behind the camera.

"How many times can you do it before its diminishing returns? A lot of critics will tell you its diminishing returns now," he jokes. "You go where your heart is and right now my heart is in talking."

Jay And Silent Bob Get Old is sold out on Feb. 2. at Scotiabank Theatre.



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► Kevin Smith will be chatting it up at Scotiabank Theatre on Feb. 2. Unfortunately, the event is already sold out.

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New Jersey



Hoboken, New Jersey, has denied a request for a spin-off of MTV's Jersey Shore reality show to film in the city. It is to star Nicole Snooki Polizzi and Jenni JWown Farley.

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Men, watch for it

► DC Comics announcing it will release a prequel series to the popular graphic novel the Watchmen ► Creator Alan Moore not involved in series



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A seven-part prequel series to Watchmen, one of the most popular graphic novels of all time, will appear this summer, according to DC Entertainment, publishers of DC Comics.

The news is sure to excite fanboys, but also disgust some: Original Watchmen creator Alan Moore, who has long feuded with DC, is not involved with the new series and none too happy about their decision.

Instead, a pack of other star talents, including J. Michael Straczynski (The Amazing Spider-Man) and Darwyn Cooke (Catwoman), will write install-

Watch for it

Looking ahead, John Higgins, who illustrates the novels, said that even though the Watchmen has become a touchstone for comics and graphic novels, the new series can expand on its mythology.

► John Higgins: "The challenge is to make the stories modern and relevant to 2012 and to show

ments, each centering around a different character.

"It's our responsibility as publishers to find new ways to keep all of our characters relevant," said

what can be done with respect and consideration for the source material that has inspired so many people over the years. By adding to the mythos and not to detract from it. The Watchmen had such an influence on graphic storytelling since it first appeared and is a timeless classic. If we can create a new set of stories that can be enjoyed 25 years on, that would be an achievement and a reward in itself."

DC Entertainment co-publishers Dan DiDio and Jim Lee.

"After 25 years, the Watchmen are classic characters whose time has come for new stories to be

told. We sought out the best writers and artists in the industry to build on the complex mythology of the original."

The original, published in 1986 and 1987, followed a defunct batch of superheroes brought back together after the death of a colleague.

But as PhD candidates can tell you, it's also a deep reflection on post-war American anxiety and paranoia.

Time Magazine named it one of the best 100 novels of all time.

Moore, meanwhile, lives in England, and continues to write — just not for DC.

"Completely shameless," he called the prequels.



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Live! in no rush to find co-host for Kelly

► Ratings are up for the long-running talk show, but producers know it'll be tough to replace Regis Philbin

You can't hurry love. Nor, according to Michael Gelman, can you hurry up selecting a TV co-host.

A couple of months after 80-year-old Regis Philbin exited Live! With Regis and Kelly and took his name in the title along with him, Kelly Ripa has been welcoming a succession of fill-in co-hosts. A number of them — no one's saying just who — are auditioning on-the-air to land the job for keeps.

It's a process that Gelman, the show's executive producer, likens to dating, and, as fans wait for the show to pop the question weeks or months from now, Live! is sowing its wild oats. (Live! With Kelly, which airs in syndication weekdays at 9 a.m. EST in many markets, this week will feature guest co-hosts Daniel Radcliffe, Howie Mandel, Peter



► Producer Michael Gelman, right, with host Kelly Ripa on the set of Live! With Kelly, in New York.

Facinelli and D.L. Hughley).

"We've just scratched the surface of people out there," Gelman says. "We have enjoyed a lot of people who have already co-hosted, and we're bringing a bunch of them back for more 'dates.'"

That first batch of call-backs will include Jerry O'Connell, Dana Carvey,

Seth Meyers and Michael Strahan.

"But I'm not saying there's a shortlist," insists Gelman. "Every day we come up with new ideas, and we get new revelations about who the new host should or shouldn't be. The chemistry is key — and not just with Kelly, but with the audience and the staff and the format."

In other words: Don't bother even asking how much longer these try-outs will take.

"I've been through it from the other side," noted Ripa during a phone

interview. Ripa herself went through the months-long dating whirl a dozen years ago before landing her current gig hosting the popular New York-based morning talk

show.

"I sort of understand how it works, and what it is they're looking for, and how this process can't be rushed," she said.

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Presley keeping Elvis' legacy alive

► Daughter of the king of rock and roll has considered making a film that truly captures the music icon

There's a glass case in a room on Graceland's first floor that holds a small white fur coat, a photo album of Elvis Presley's family, and a blue record player used by his daughter, Lisa Marie.

Steps away, in its own display case, rests the well-worn key used to operate a golf cart she would ride in with her father on the grounds of his Memphis home. Pictures of Elvis and his baby daughter line adjacent walls.

These items are part of an exhibit opening Wednesday that honours the relationship Lisa Marie Presley had with her father, the late rock and roll icon Elvis Presley. Lisa Marie was in Memphis on Tuesday and Wednesday — her 44th birthday — in order to attend the exhibit's opening to VIP fans.

There are about 200 items in the exhibit, which Lisa Marie Presley called subjective and personal.

"I'm proud to be my father's daughter because that is something that changed the world," she told The Associated Press. "I do feel honoured about that."

Presley discussed a variety of topics, including a new album and thoughts about making a proper film about her father, who died in Memphis on Aug. 16, 1977. This year marks the 35th anniversary of his death, which is observed with a weeklong gathering of Elvis fans in August of every year.

Presley left Graceland at age five, when her mother, Priscilla, divorced Elvis and moved to California. She currently has homes in Los Angeles and England.

She did not want to talk at length about late pop star Michael Jackson, her former husband. The exhibit does display a photo of her and Jackson visiting a children's hospital in Budapest, Hungary.

"It was just one of the moments that was captured ... we were helping this child get a liver transplant," she said.

When asked what comes to mind when she thinks of Jackson, she said: "I can only say that I have good memories."

Presley said she has been working on her music and her third album set to come out in May. It is produced by Grammy-winner T-Bone Burnett.

"It's much more of a rootsy record, organic record, than my previous work," she said.

Presley has spent much

of the past few years taking care of her three-year-old twin daughters she had with current husband Michael Lockwood. She has two children from her previous marriage to musician Danny Keough, which ended in 1994. She also was married to actor Nicholas Cage.

Presley does not grant many interviews but said she doesn't mind them when they are for a good cause. She said she does not like the tabloids.

Still, she stays involved with the workings of Elvis Presley Enterprises, which licenses her father's name and image in merchandising, music, television and film. Likenesses of Elvis have appeared in countless movies and TV shows, some without permission from the company.

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► Lisa Marie Presley

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Diverse lineup of stars cover Dylan

► New compilation featuring big names like Adele and K'naan honours Amnesty International's 50th anniversary

the transformative power of Bob Dylan's music need only look to Ke\$ha.

Yes, Ke\$ha.

The irreverent pop star, known for singing about brushing her teeth with "a bottle of Jack," turns poignant while covering a song from one of music's great lyricists on the new four-disc Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan Honoring 50 Years of Amnesty International.

The project features 75 newly recorded Dylan songs by 80 artists, including Adele, Sting, Sugarland, Elvis Costello, hip-hop artist K'naan and others to support the human rights organization.

Ke\$ha is one of the more unlikely stars to contribute to the compilation, released Tuesday. The pop star defined by party anthems like Tik Tok and Your Love Is My Drug took on Dylan's Don't Think Twice, It's Alright.

As she found herself alone in her bedroom for the first time in months, the words of the song — about a person bidding goodbye to a lover — took on a new, deeply personal meaning. She realized she was saying goodbye to her carefree, former life — before big hits and world tours brought on pressure and priorities. She broke down as she began singing, and the emotion is captured on the record.

"Everything has changed. It's amazing, but there are moments that are incredibly lonely. There's a line, 'It's a long and lonesome road, babe, where I'm bound I can't tell.' It's tragically relevant," said Ke\$ha in a phone interview. "I think these are all positive things for young people to see that you can be strong and you can be irreverent and you can say what you want and you have the freedom of speech, but I've learned that vulnerability is actually an asset. It can be just as much of an asset

as strength."

Ke\$ha isn't the only eye-popping name on the compilation: 19-year-old Miley Cyrus does a rendition of You're Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go. The project has a wide range of acts, from Maroon 5 to 92-year-old folk legend Pete Seeger, who sings Forever Young with a children's chorus.

Dylan waived the publishing rights to his entire catalogue, and all of the artists, musicians, engineers and others involved in the recording process did everything pro bono.

Legendary country artist and actor Kris Kristofferson considers Dylan a personal friend, but says he's been an inspiration and a hero a lot longer than that. Johnny Cash introduced them while Kristofferson was working as a janitor at Columbia Recording Studios in Nashville in the 1960s. At 75, Kristofferson says he has been around long enough to understand and appreciate Dylan's impact on music.

"If you look at pop songs before Dylan, none of them were poetry, like his are. He opened up the doors for creative writers and made songwriting to me what it is today," said Kristofferson, who covers Quinn the Eskimo (The Mighty Quinn). "Music was a whole lot different when I was a little kid. Pop music was lifted up as an art form by Bob Dylan."

Chimes of Freedom is a follow-up to Amnesty International's 2007 collection of John Lennon songs performed by major artists, which raised over \$4 million for Amnesty's efforts in Darfur.

"Music has a way of reminding us who we are at our essence and what we need to do to live together in a better world, and Amnesty is very much a part of that," said the album's executive producer Julie Yannatta,

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► In the spotlight again, Madonna set to debut her film about royal romance

The focus in the days ahead is on Madonna the musician.

She's set to perform the halftime show at the Super Bowl on Sunday and her new single, 'Give Me All Your Luvin,' with the white-hot Nicki Minaj, hits radio airwaves this week.

But the 53-year-old superstar is surely hoping that some of that spotlight will shine on her new movie, *W.E.*, about the celebrated romance between divorced American socialite Wallis Simpson and Britain's King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne for love in the 1930s.

"To me their lives were so diverse, complex and interesting, and there were so many different points of view to approach the story from," said Madonna during a recent interview about the film, which opens Friday.

Madonna doesn't star in *W.E.* — she's the film's director. It tells the story of Simpson (Andrea Riseborough) through the vantage point of a modern-day woman (played by Abbie Cornish) obsessed with the fabled romance between Simpson and Edward.

The union is often portrayed as the ultimate example of true love: Simpson

Into the groove

► Madonna's interest in the duke and duchess was piqued after she moved to the United Kingdom during her marriage to Guy Ritchie.

► "I started kind of studying about being a foreigner, being an outsider, trying to understand this new country that I lived in with a class system, which America doesn't have," she said.

was married when the pair began their relationship and was forever scandalized in royal circles. When Edward became king, he planned to marry her, but opposition to the union was so great, he chose to give up his kingdom. The two later wed and became known as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. For some, it was a modern-day fairy tale, but it's a notion Madonna debunks in *W.E.*

"I think a lot of women have that fantasy of about what's going to happen to them when they meet Mr. Right, Mr. Perfect, Mr. Complete Me, and then you realize that that doesn't actually exist," said the twice-divorced icon as she spoke about the film in a

suite at the Waldorf Astoria.

"Love exists; I'm still a romantic, but it's not that fairy tale that we're all led to believe ... where the prince comes and kisses you."

It's a message Madonna used to instill in her daughter when the star would read *Lourdes* the typical

bedtime stories featuring a damsel in distress who is saved by a knight.

"I'd get to the end of the story and go, 'Hey wait a second. Nobody asked her what she wanted.' ... I suddenly started seeing how misleading all of these fairy tales were," she said.

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► Madonna

Winehouse's coroner resigns

The coroner who oversaw the inquest into the death of singer Amy Winehouse has resigned after her qualifications were questioned, officials said Wednesday — raising the possibility the investigation may have to be held again.

Winehouse's relatives said they were still absorbing the implications of the news and were seeking legal advice.

In October, Suzanne Greenaway had ruled that the soul singer had died from accidental alcohol poisoning.

Greenaway had been appointed an assistant deputy coroner in London in 2009 by her husband, Coroner Andrew Reid. But she resigned in November after authorities learned she had not been a registered U.K. lawyer for five years as required. She had practiced



► Amy Winehouse

law for a decade in her native Australia.

"I appointed my wife as an assistant deputy coroner as I believed at the time that her experience as a solicitor and barrister in Australia satisfied the requirements of the post," he said in a statement Wednesday.

A security guard found Winehouse dead in bed July 23 at her home in the north London neighbourhood of Camden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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► Calzone not in the oven for Snooki ► Translation: Pregnancy rumour is false

For a few brief, terrifying moments yesterday, we feared Snooki was pregnant.

It all started with an ugly, horrible, breakfast-ruining rumour from RadarOnline.

"She's been telling people that she has a big announcement coming," a source told the site, adding that boyfriend Jionni LaValle had been sharing the news with close family and friends.

While a photo search mercifully didn't reveal a Snooki bump, it did fail to turn up the expected number of drunk duck faces.

Finally, she made an appearance on *Opie & Anthony* to set the record straight: There will be no spawn of Snooki.

"Why are people calling me fat?" she wondered. "That's so rude!"

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Celebrity tweets



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Note: Baby Gaga must be Italian

Lady Gaga is thinking about starting a family, but she has two conditions for her baby-to-be: It has to be from artificial insemination and it must be Italian, she explains in an interview with Spain's Radio Ibiza.

"I want a baby from an Italian — possibly Sicilian — donor," the singer says.

As for how things are going with her current boyfriend, Taylor Kinney — who is not Italian — Gaga says, "You know I don't talk about my love life, but I'm very happy."

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Carter sister dies

Leslie Carter — younger sister of Backstreet Boys' Nick Carter and a star of *House of Carters* — died Tuesday in New York. No details have been released regarding the cause of death.

"Our family is grieving

right now and it's a private matter. We are deeply saddened for the loss of our beloved sister, daughter, and granddaughter, Leslie Carter. We request the utmost privacy during this difficult time," her family said in a statement. ● METRO

Soul Train host Don Cornelius dead in apparent suicide

Soul Train producer and host Don Cornelius was found dead in his Los Angeles home early yesterday morning from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Cornelius created the show in 1970, and hosted it until 1993.

"He was a true television visionary and his contributions to African American culture, music, and entertainment are incomparable. The outpouring of affection and tributes to his legacy are a true testament to the profound impact that his life's work had on many generations," said Kenard Gibbs, CEO of Soul Train Holdings, in a statement.

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- The popularity of the wide-brimmed has been bubbling on the runway for a while now
- But this winter, hats from nearly all decades have become a full-blown trend
- Here are some of our favourites

Return of the hat

(you knew it would be back)



► Alexandra Davenport, a student in London, pulls off the hat with aplomb.

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Oscar contenders?

The most award show worthy dresses from ss12 couture week:

Armani Privé

A strapless universally flattering shape + a shimmering bandage effect = Best Dressed List Bait. Take note Jessica.



Chanel

The whimsical, fashion-forward girliness is just right for one of the more adventurous 'Hollywood Young Things' (we're talking about you, Emma Stone.)

Gambattista Valli

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Jeanne Space



@Jeanne_Beker: Despite the wonders of our lives it's Feb., and the "BLAHS" could just be 'round the corner. How do YOU plan to fight the Feb. "blahs"?

In this hectic modern world, Twitter has become a cool and succinct way of communicating. It allows me to be accessible, instantly speak my mind, and connects me with all kinds of people. Whether it's a fashion question, or you just want to comment on life's bigger picture, I'd love to hear from you.

- ▶ @cwistine: February is usually when my shoe closet grows exponentially...
- ▶ @Jeanne_Beker: I know what you mean!!!

- ▶ @TwiceSmitten: I'm fighting the feb 'blahs' with an Oscar party worthy of the red carpet...Champagne and popcorn!
- ▶ @Jeanne_Beker: Now THAT sounds like fun... And everybody gets ballots, and whoever gets the most right answers wins an amazing prize, right?

- ▶ @lesliewalker20: By daydreaming about all of Spring/Summer 2012's gorgeous, bright colours!
- ▶ @Jeanne_Beker: Right! Colour's always good for the soul...

- ▶ @Jeanne_Beker: My cure for the Feb blahs? Just turned up Stevie Wonder first blast + danced in my dining room!!

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By Janine Falcon

The Concealer Brush

Use this brush for more than blending under-eye concealer. Dip it into liquid foundation to clean up the edges of winged liner or uneven lip colour. Or use it to apply cream shadow or lipstick (it's more efficient than a tiny lip brush). Eco-Tools Bamboo Deluxe Concealer Brush, \$5, farleyco.ca

The Powder Brush

For dusting powder wherever you need it, obviously, and "because you can really blend everything with them," says Clinique Global colour artist Jenna Menard, whose tech-

nique makes skin look blessed, not made-up. Clinique powder brush, \$42, clinique.ca

The Eyeshadow Brush

Use for a) pressing powder or cream shadow in to place; b) sweeping shadow over the whole lid or intensifying the crease; and c) blending for a seamless finish. "It's the most versatile eyeshadow brush," says M.A.C senior artist Jane McKay. M.A.C 217 Blending Brush, \$27, maccosmetics.com

The Small Angle Brush

"It works well with shadow to fill and shape the perfect brow. And when used with a gel liner or eyeshadow, it's the easiest way to execute precision eyeliner," says Global Olay Ambassador Bruce Grayson, who has worked with Brooke Shields. Bobbi Brown Eye Definer Brush, \$36, bobbibrowncosmetics.com

The Blush Brush

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Preparation:

1 In large roasting pan, arrange onions, carrots,

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2 Season rib roast all over with salt and pepper. Place roast on top of vegetables in roasting pan. Roast in 245 C (475 F) oven 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 160 C (325 F). Roast for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until roast reads

55 C (130 F) at the centre for medium or 50 C (120 F) for medium-rare.

3 Transfer roast to a serving platter and cover with foil and keep warm. Set aside roasting pan.

4 Roasted Root Vegetables: In a large bowl, toss carrots, parsnips, beets and potatoes with oil, rosemary, salt and pepper. Spread evenly on 2 large rimmed baking sheets. When roast comes out of oven, raise temperature to 200 C (400 F). Roast vegetables, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until tender and browned.

5 Shallot Merlot Gravy: Place roasting pan over medium-high heat. Add wine to reserved roasting pan juices and scrape up any browned bits from bottom of pan.

6 Using a slotted spoon, remove and discard any solids from pan. Add shallots, thyme, and 500 ml (2 cups) of the beef broth. Bring to a simmer

and cook for 3 minutes.

7 In bowl, whisk remaining beef broth and flour. While stirring, add this mixture to roasting pan. Cook while stirring for 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve roast-

ed vegetables and gravy alongside roast.

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Ingredients:

- 4 onions, quartered
- 4 each large carrots and celery stalks, cut into large pieces
- 1 head garlic, broken into cloves and peeled
- 4 sprigs each fresh thyme and rosemary
- 1 bone-in rib roast (5.5 to 6.3 kg/12 to 14 lb)
- Salt and black pepper

Roasted Root Vegetables

- 1 kg (2 lb) each carrots, parsnips, beets, and Yukon gold potatoes cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) vegetable or canola oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 10 ml (2 tsp) salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

Shallot-Merlot Gravy

- 250 ml (1 cup) Merlot wine
- 2 shallots, finely diced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced fresh thyme
- 750 ml (3 cups) beef broth
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- Salt and black pepper

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LYNN CRAWFORD'S PITCHIN' IN



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Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sour cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) light mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) prepared horseradish
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped chives
- 1 can (85 g) smoked oysters, drained
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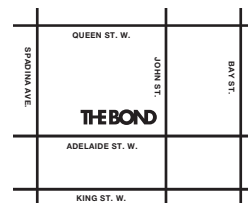
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YOUR TIME TO JUMP INTO THE MARKET?

ROOFTOP SURFING



PAUL GOLINI JR.
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I read an article on the weekend that was written by a lawyer, who has worked in the real estate industry for 28 years, and in his first line he said he believes there has never been a better time to buy a home.

That sure got my attention.

And I agreed with all of his points: low mortgage rates have opened the door for many first-time and single homebuyers to take the plunge; in Canada, the banks have our backs, not lending homeowners more than they can handle; and evidently, the GTA condo

boom has provided an affordable choice for homeownership.

This really is a great time to buy, and it's a great time to buy a new home, whether it's a condominium suite, a townhome or a single-detached house.

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Trends and trailblazers

► Toronto hosts the Interior Design Show 2012 with record attendance



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Toronto's Interior Design Show opened its doors for the 14th year. It is Canada's largest contemporary design event, with colourful exhibits throughout the sprawling main Toronto Convention Centre floor.

In addition to big name sponsors like Scavolini, Dekla and Elte, there were many smaller, independent craft designers like Muma Fine Woodworking from Stratford, with their elegant dark furniture creations.

New this year was the IDS Platform presented by prime sponsors Rado and Audi. It's a series of talks, installations and exhibits, highlighting the cultural content of design. So in addition to the floor exhibits and features, programming

included the Trade Talks Speakers Series; the IDS Booth Awards and Design Awards. Conversations in Design is an annual one-day symposium offering exposure to the most creative people and ideas to help participants build their architectural and design practices. Designer Karim Rashid was a Conversations In Design Speaker and the opening night party DJ this year. The symposium hosted 12 speakers for this year's theme: Trailblazers and Trendspotters.

One of the opening night festivities included the unveiling of the new Audi A5 Cabriolet by Shauna Levy and sponsor Mike Briscoe, director of marketing and product management at Audi Canada.

And Friday was IDS professional trade day for professional members of the



► Around 5,500 people attended the opening night gala event.



► Exhibits ranged from traditional to modern.

design trade. It was designed to inspire, educate and expose professionals to

products, designers, and ideas from international and national perspectives.

► A dramatic curtain comprised of more than 1,300 individual strips of felt, StripTease doubled as a canvas for interactive digital projections.



Felt gets sexy: StripTease

A major highlight of IDS12 was the seductive design entrance installation, StripTease, under the supervision of Roland Rom Colthoff, principal architect at RAW.

"We wanted something that was sensual, because a lot of these shows you don't get up close to mate-

rials too often," Colthoff tells Metro.

"We wanted to be somewhat experiential, so it wasn't just something that you walked around and looked at but something you actually passed right through to enter the show, to create a bit of a buzz or a sense of anticipation."



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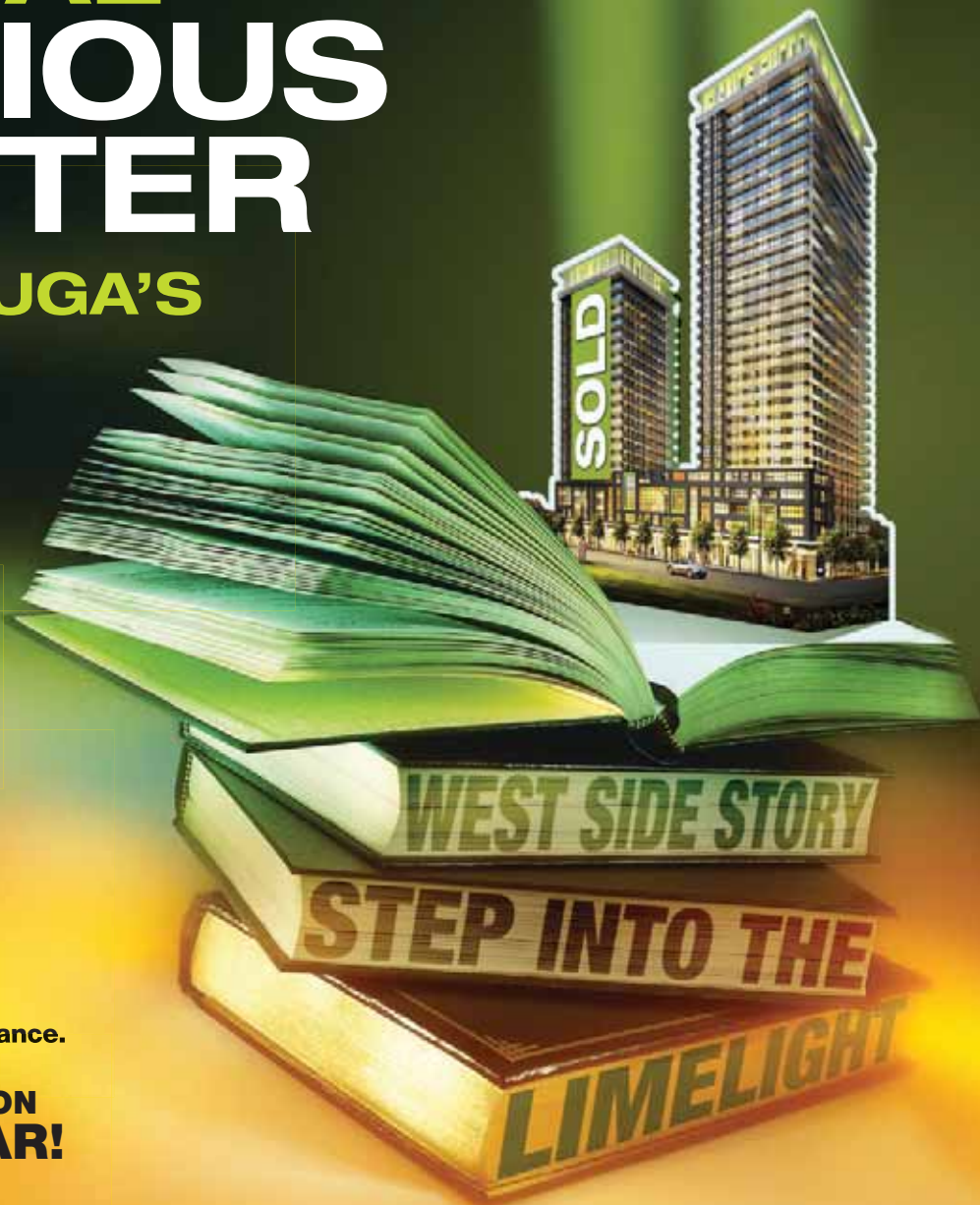
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► Home decor expert Karl Lohnes lays down the rules for choosing an area rug

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Q: I have laminate wood floors

throughout my small condo and would like to add an area rug to the living room, which is 10 by 14 feet. What size should I choose and what style won't make it feel cramped?

T. Fulham, Winnipeg

A. Area rugs not only help to link living room furnishings together, but to define spaces that are open to one another as well.

The biggest mistakes people make when choosing

an area rug is that they buy the wrong size (often too small), and they choose a look that doesn't belong with anything else in the room.

The simplest way to determine the right sized area rug in a living area is to measure the width of the room then subtract two or three feet; this will give you the width of the rug needed. For instance, if your room is 10-feet wide you will need an eight-foot wide rug.

Area rugs come in predetermined sizes; an eight-foot wide rug will be about 10-feet long. That is the size that suits your living area. **Best style of carpet**

If you have printed fabrics on your furnishings or draperies then go with a discretely patterned or solid-coloured rug.



If furnishings are upholstered in plain fabrics, then a patterned rug can help add pizzazz to the overall decor scheme.

Another idea is to take inspiration from artwork

that you might have collected. For example, if you like watercolour paintings, then choose a rug that has soft, airy colours and patterns. If you collect black-and-white photography, then a solid,

neutral-coloured rug will work nicely in the room.

If your room is feeling cramped with furnishings, then choose a colour of rug that is very similar to the colour of the wood flooring;

How will it wear?

- **Synthetic fibres** are durable for busy lived-in rooms and can take on the look of elegant wool and silk.
- **Think longevity** These rugs have about a five-year lifespan, whereas real wool carpets can last a lifetime.

this will give you the cosiness of the rug but visually will not chop up the space by adding yet another element.

How much to spend

An eight-by-10 foot area rug can cost from \$200 to \$5,000, depending on the quality. I always suggest spending between one to two times the price of the sofa. It's an easy way to gauge the quality and value needed so the rug works with the rest of the room.



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Ready to be a winter warrior?

► Snow in an average shovelful can weigh nearly 30 pounds ► And twisting to throw a load is hard on the back

DIY IDEAS

Although many areas have been relatively snow-free this winter, snow removal woes are just one storm away.

So here are some strategies, and the latest tools.

First, have a plan before the flakes start falling. If you're not physically up to shovelling, arrange for a plowing service or enlist some kids to at least do your walkways; many communities mandate that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a storm.

If you are taking on the snow yourself, take it easy.

Warm up, start slow and cover your mouth if the air is very cold, according to Dr. Grace Cater, a cardiolo-

gist in Cleveland. "Snow shovelling can be more strenuous than exercising full throttle on a treadmill," Cater says on Metro-Health's Heart and Vascular Center's webpage.

Bill Foster, who for 40 years has shovelled his own and neighbours' snowy sidewalks and driveways in the western Chicago suburbs, says common sense can make the job easier.

"The biggest mistake people make is starting with the easy stuff," Foster says.

"When you're freshest and strongest, start at the end of the driveway where the plow dumps all the heavy road snow."

A few more tips for keeping things manageable, from Good House-keeping magazine:



► Garden-variety snow shovels have been doing the snow removal job for hundreds of years, but many of today's tools can make it easier. Shown is Toro's electric Power Curve snow shovel.

1. Don't put your back into it: Use your leg and thigh muscles instead, and push

more snow than you lift.

2. Layer up: No heavy

down coats for this job — it's better to dress in layers you can remove as you

work. Make sure caps or masks don't impede your ability to see cars, icy spots, or people. You don't want to whack someone with your shovel.

3. Drink up: Water keeps you hydrated as you work.

4. Stop when you need to, and take breaks every 15 minutes or sooner: Make sure family members and friends know you're out there.

Foster recommends cutting the driveway down the middle so you are shovelling smaller passes out to the sides from the centre line.

"And never wait till the snow stops falling," he says. "I'd go out two or three times during a storm to stay ahead of it all."

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Sports in brief



Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos put the finishing touches on his bullpen makeover Wednesday by signing veteran right-hander Francisco Cordero to a \$4.5-million US, one-year contract.

Cordero is expected to fill the setup role for closer Sergio Santos, who was acquired in December in a trade with the Chicago White Sox.

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► Clarke MacArthur sends a shot narrowly wide of Penguins goaltender Brent Johnson's net.

No collapse this time

► Reimer blanks Penguins, MacArthur scores game's only goal late

It didn't take the Toronto Maple Leafs long to make amends for their biggest collapse of the season.

James Reimer stopped all 25 shots he faced and Clarke MacArthur scored in the third period as the Maple Leafs edged the Pittsburgh Penguins 1-0 on Wednesday.

The game was low on style points, but that mattered little to a Leafs team only concerned with adding points in the Eastern Conference standings. They had squandered one of those a night earlier in Pittsburgh, where the Penguins erased a 4-1 deficit in the third period



before pulling out a 5-4 shootout win.

It looked like another overtime period would be necessary on Wednesday until MacArthur took a pass from Mikhail

Grabovski and deked around Brent Johnson at 13:55.

That was the only offence Toronto would need to improve its record to 26-19-6.

Pittsburgh fell to 29-18-4 after being shut out for just the second time this season.

Reimer was starting for just the second time in 14 games and spoke earlier in the day of wanting to regain the form that had slotted him as the team's No. 1 goalie entering the season. He made a good case for himself by registering his first shutout since opening night

against Montreal back in October.

It was also a rare appearance for Johnson, who gave Marc-Andre Fleury a rest for just the second time in 19 games.

The game featured decidedly less energy than the teams displayed 24 hours earlier in Pittsburgh, when both coaches were left with some defensive concerns. The players clearly received the message.

Even with NHL scoring leader Evgeni Malkin on the ice, there were very few quality scoring chances at either end.

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Celtics crush Raptors

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Paul Pierce had 17 points and eight assists and the Boston Celtics crept above .500 for the second time this season with a 100-64 rout of the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday night.

Ray Allen and Brandon Bass added 12 points apiece and Avery Bradley scored 11 for the Celtics, who never let go of the lead once Allen's layup 16 seconds into the game put Boston up 2-0.

After starting the season 0-3, the Celtics bounced along for more than a month before finally reaching a winning record with Wednesday's rout. At 11-10, the Celtics hardly appear bound to hang another banner from the Garden rafters, but they do seem to have adjusted to the lockout-shortened schedule.

The Celtics led by as much as 40 and the wide margin gave Boston starters a chance for some much-needed rest.

Jerryd Bayless scored 14 and Ed Davis finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Raptors. They were the only two Toronto players to score in double figures.

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Patience still imperative with young Leafs

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Anytime the Maple Leafs blow a lead the way they did Tuesday in Pittsburgh, the

temptation among some fans and media is to go full-blown Chicken Little and start squawking for major roster alterations and/or coaching changes.

Luckily, general manager Brian Burke and Toronto management don't live in the moment and are more focused on the big picture.

And you don't need to be Nostradamus, a magic eight ball or the most popular member of Miss Cleo's Psychic Network to

know that, on a very young Buds team, there are going to be more than a few nights that start out promising but finish like a horror show.

That's what happens when you're dealing with a team whose top offensive player (Phil Kessel) is one of its youngest. That's what you should expect when you're talking about a squad that at the start of the season had an average age of 26.4 years, tying Toronto with Colorado and Winnipeg as the NHL's second-youngest team (ahead of only Nashville, at 26).

That's the natural state of a team still trying to cement its identity and decipher which players to keep around for the long haul.

Before anyone gets overly excited about any crushing Leafs loss, look at the saga of Henrik and



► The puck deflects in off of the Penguins' Evgeni Malkin, past Jonas Gustavsson, to tie Tuesday night's game 4-4 with 6.6 seconds remaining in regulation in Pittsburgh.

Daniel Sedin in Vancouver and the expectations they almost immediately faced after the Canucks drafted them second and third

overall in 1999. In their first NHL season, the Sedin Twins made the playoffs, but the Canucks were swept in the first

round. The next season, Vancouver managed two playoff wins, but still bowed out in Round 1. In two of the five seasons

that followed, the Canucks missed the post-season altogether.

It was only last year — a full decade after their NHL debut — that the Sedins were able to have all the puzzle pieces come together. OK, they and their Canucks fell one Stanley Cup final win short of truly having all the puzzle pieces fit, but my point remains: It takes years, good management and drafting and, yes, a little bit of luck, to capture an NHL championship.

That's something Leafs fans would do well to remember as they gnaw on their cuticles and marinate in their frustrations. It's fine to have heightened expectations, but only if they're based on realistic projections. Demanding virtually instant on-ice gratification is a surefire recipe for constant disappointment.

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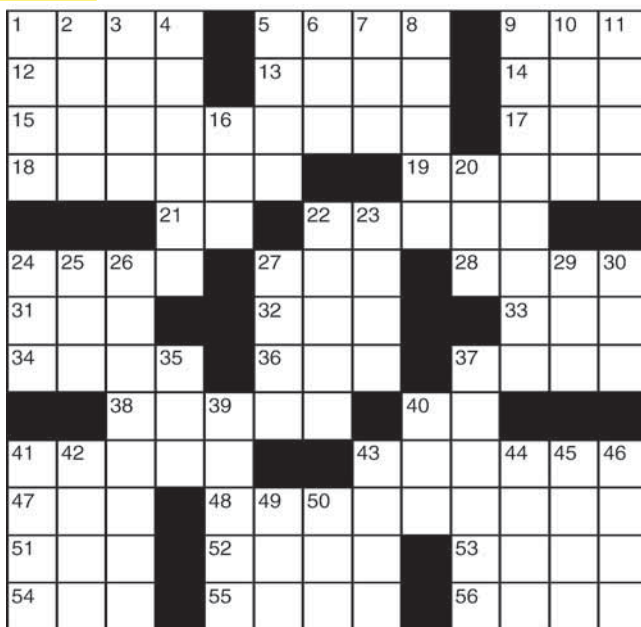
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13 "Caro nome" is one
14 Ultra-modernist
15 Comic's specialty
17 Right angle
18 Book after Job
19 iPhone function
21 Chance, for short
22 Hue
24 Presentation
27 Second person
28 Out of control
31 Charged bit
32 Pismire
33 Ram's mate
34 Profound
36 In medias —
37 Seaport of Yemen
38 Exciting
40 Commercial
41 Search for prey
43 Plant life treatises
47 Rowing need
48 Getting the jump on
51 USO audience
52 Trumpet
53 Chinese gang
54 Praise in verse
55 Dumbstruck
56 Remain
- Down**
1 Feed the hogs
2 — Christian Andersen
3 Eye layer
4 Candle fat
5 Trash containers
6 "All the Things You —"

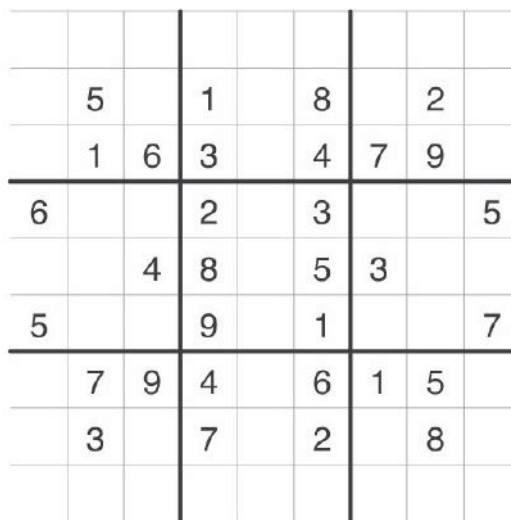


- 7 Evergreen type
8 Supporter of the arts?
9 — bandit (slot machine)
10 Sandwich shop
11 Action figure, really
16 Mischievous kid
20 Kiwi's extinct cousin
22 — Island
23 Inning trio
24 Rocker Vicious
25 Weeding tool
26 Small town description
- 27 Play area
29 Have bills
30 Barbie's companion
35 Parishioner's seat
37 Takes as one's own
39 Island greeting
40 Matterhorn, for one
41 Comic strip possum
42 Incursion
43 Money supply
44 Laugh-a-minute
45 "— Karenina"
46 Like custard or quiche

► Yesterday's answer



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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Some of the things a loved one says may annoy you today but there is no point getting annoyed.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Wherever you've been held back in recent weeks is where you'll make progress over the next few days.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you make an effort to look beyond everyday issues, you will discover something that has the potential to transform your life.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

The best way to deal with changing circumstances is to adapt yourself. Try moving with the times.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Someone will come to your aid today. Don't turn down his or her offer of assistance just because you don't want to look weak.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

The planets indicate it will be to your benefit to try to see yourself as others see you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Fate is about to give you an opportunity to prove yourself and if you are smart, you will take advantage.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

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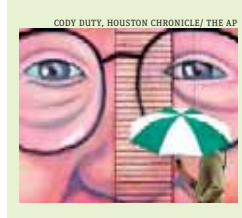
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